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VIA ECFS

March 6, 2014

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554
Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

**Re: WC Docket No. 10-90
Rural Broadband Experiment Expression of Interest – Rate-of-Return Areas
Pineland Telephone Cooperative, Inc.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pineland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby expresses interest in participating in the Commission's rural broadband experiments to provide robust, scalable high-speed broadband to unserved high-cost areas with additional Connect America funding.¹ Pineland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is a rate-of-return incumbent local exchange carrier serving rural areas of Georgia, and proposes deployment as follows.

Proposed Service Area

Pineland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. proposes to build out broadband to 1,893 unserved premises within the regulated service area.

Proposed Broadband Service

Voice and Broadband services with broadband transmission speeds of 20 mbps downstream/2 mbps upstream provided over underground fiber optic cable.

Funding

Pineland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. estimates construction costs to be a total of \$13,849,960. Pineland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. requests \$13,849,960 in funding from Connect America

¹ See *Technology Transitions et al.*, GN Docket No. 13-5 et al., Order, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Report and Order, Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Proposal for Ongoing Data Initiative, FCC 14-5 (rel. Jan. 31, 2014).

Funds in a one-time funding and will fund the remaining capital and ongoing expenses to operate the system.

Pineland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. expects service to be offered to all unserved customers within 30 months after construction starts.

Pineland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. appreciates the opportunity to provide this non-binding expression of interest. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dustin Durden", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dustin Durden
General Manager/Executive Vice President